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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

AUDITORS

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF GILMANTON,

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 26, 1869

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We have examined the accounts, orders and vouchers presented to us by the selectmen and town treasurer, and find the following to be the result.

We find the treasurer has paid the following sums by order of the selectmen:

OUTSTANDING ORDERS AND INTEREST ON THE SAME.

Paid George M. Glidden,	order	and interest,	.	$116 95
Albert P. Glidden,	"	"	.	372 41
Stephen Piper,	"	"	.	373 76
Peter Dudley,	"	"	.	88 61
Sarah Edgerly,	"	"	.	55 55
George W. Eaton,	"	"	.	508 75
Josiah D. Nelson,	"	"	.	408 20
Frederick Burroughs,	"	"	.	109 34
Jemima A. Rogers,	"	"	.	61 11
George W. Eaton,	"	"	.	125 00
Cyrus Jones,	"	"	.	202 90
Cyrus Jones,	"	"	.	637 44
Josiah D. Nelson,	"	"	.	250 50
Cyrus F. Gilman,	"	"	.	108 47
Cyrus F. Gilman,	"	"	.	72 93
George W. Ross,	"	"	.	1,266 00
George W. Ross,	"	"	.	109 95
Amos R. Prue,	"	"	.	202 90
George Partridge,	"	"	.	521 25
Carrie W. Clay,	"	"	.	51 90
L. Lougee,	"	"	.	52 82
Thomas Adams,	"	"	.	75 00

Paid Hannah S. Gale, interest,	. . .	$15 00
R. W. Page,	" . . .	60 00
A. Mack,	" . . .	35 96
Andrew Mack,	" . . .	30 14
Josiah D. Nelson, order in part,	. .	200 00
Josiah D. Nelson,	" " . .	100 00
R. W. Page,	" " . .	75 00
Congregational church, interest,	. .	6 00
Josiah D. Nelson, order in part,	. .	190 00
R. W. Page,	" " . .	100 00
Charles G. Kelly, interest,	. . .	42 96
Chellis D. Carr, interest,	. . .	2 60
Reuben W. Page, order in part,	. .	165 00
Jonathan T. Coffin, order in part,	. .	129 08
J. C. Baker, interest,	. . . .	36 73
J. D. Nelson, order in part,	. . .	200 00
F. P. Emerson, order in part and interest,		165 36
F. P. Emerson,	" " .	108 29
F. P. Emerson,	" " .	565 55
J. W. Woodman,	" " .	150 00
J. D. Nelson,	" " .	50 00
N. S. Gale,	" " .	56 56
Lydia B. York, order in part,	. . .	50 00
A. Stevens, order in part and interest,	.	265 00
T. Keniston,	" " .	169 75
S. J. Coffin,	" " .	188 52
T. Adams, interest on Parsonage fund,	.	25 06
T. Adams, interest on Town order,	. .	5 63
Abigail Weeks, order and interest,	. .	60 82
S. Gale, order in part,	. . . .	75 00
H. S. Gale, order in part,	. . .	25 00
S. Langley, interest in part,	. . .	36 00
J. Young, order in part,	. . . .	35 00
A. Mack, interest,	. . . . .	6 18
J. Young, order and interest,	. . .	58 97
G. C. Parsons, order in part,	. . .	25 00
Q. Peaslee, order in part and interest,	.	1,290 23
Ira Shannon, order in part,	. . .	400 00
G. T. Barker,	" " . . .	60 00
J. Connell,	" " and interest, .	201 90
L. G. Lougee,	" " " .	32 47

Paid	A. T. Page, order and interest, . .	$42 00
	S. J. Gale, order in part, . . .	75 00
	S. L. Greeley, " " . . .	54 11
	J. D. Proctor, " " . . .	90 00
	G. C. Parsons, " " and interest, .	161 00
	Ira Shannon, " " " .	200 00
	C. G. Kelley, " " " .	100 00
	B. Thurston, " " " .	190 65
	Mrs. S. Gale, " " " .	12 00
	J. T. Coffin, " " " .	362 37
	Star of Hope Lodge, No. 8, " .	51 24
	D. Glidden, order in part, and interest, .	304 75
	H. Kimball, " " . . .	75 00
	Abigail Stevens, " " . . .	260 42
	Abigail Stevens, " " . . .	238 34
	Jane Pickering, " " . . .	110 10
	Jane Pickering, " " . . .	110 35
	S. Gale, " " . . .	52 09
	E. S. Price, " " . . .	85 05
	J. M. Connell, " " . . .	112 78
	Ira Shannon, " " . . .	1,000 00
	J. Goodwin, " " and interest, .	12 36
	T. Connor, " " . . .	35 00
	Lydia Lougee, " " and interest, .	116 33
	A. Mack, " " . . .	47 36
	Judith Prue, " " and interest, .	90 40
	L. B. York, " " . . .	35 00
	M. Smith, " " . . .	50 00
	M. F. Nelson, " " and interest, .	36 20
	T. J. Moulton, " " " .	214 86
	S. Heath, " " . . .	50 00
	S. Gale, " " and interest, .	12 93
	E. Holbrook, " " " .	7 00
	H. H. Norcross, " " " .	24 60
	D. F. Glidden, " " . . .	100 00
	O. L. Green, " " and interest, .	12 00
	S. Langley, " " " .	210 23
	J. Goodwin, " " " .	101 72
	S. Langley, " " " .	105 33
	S. Langley, " " " .	105 93
	S. Langley, " " " .	201 37

Paid J. W. Clough, order in part,	. . .	$592 23
A. Mack,	" " . . .	25 85
A. L. Edgerly,	" " and interest, .	116 17
J. P. Hill,	" " . . .	48 48
M. J. Varney,	" " . . .	31 73
Trustees,	" " and interest, .	104 20
A. Mack,	" " " .	2 52
J. W. Clough,	" " . . .	100 00
J. P. Hill,	" " and interest, .	100 57
H. Chesley,	" " " .	21 00
J. W. Clough,	" " . . .	80 00
C. Arlin,	" " . . .	19 10
C. F. Gilman,	" " and interest, .	92 13
F. C. Clark,	" " " .	304 50
J. K. Woodman,	" " " .	50 00
J. K. Woodman,	" " " .	100 00
T. Adams, order and interest,	. . .	134 19
H. Hatch,	" " . . .	418 93
D. F. Glidden, order in part,	. . .	62 00
H. E. Marsh, interest on order,	. .	30 42
T. S. Connor, order and interest,	. .	453 71
Susan Edgerly,	" " . . .	31 39
M. K. Eveleth, interest,	. . . .	9 13
T. J. Gale, order and interest,	. .	163 57
Andrew Mack, interest,	. . . .	38 90
Ira Shannon, order and interest,	. .	140 67
Sally Langley, interest,	. . . .	12 00
N. Gilman, order in part,	. . .	53 60
		$19,859 40

Paid for Poor in Town.

Paid B. B. Twombly, for boarding Betsy Bean,	$3 00
J. S. Leavitt, for one cord of wood for Judith and Mary Gilman, . . .	4 00
M. S. Gale, boarding poor, . . .	91 50
J. Blake, for medical aid to poor, 1867–'68,	25 00
J. D. Nelson, aid to L. Hutchinson, .	1 46
J. D. Nelson, aid to H. Dicy, . . .	8 00
M. S. Gale, for board of poor, . .	58 50

Paid Wm. H. Hayes, aid to H. Dicy, . .	$11 00
L. H. Chase, aid to L. Maxfield, 1867, .	10 05
N. L. Marsh, aid to L. Hutchinson, .	20 00
Wm. H. Hayes, aid to H. Dicy, . .	10 00
Wm. H. Hayes, aid to H. Dicy, . .	10 00
N. Weeks, aid to M. Weeks, . . .	22 00
C. H. Wells, aid to L. Hutchinson, . .	4 00
S. H. Bean, aid to Betsy Bean, . .	15 00
C. H. Wells, aid to L. Hutchinson, . .	6 00
C. H. Wells, aid to L. Hutchinson, . .	6 00
H. W. Peaslee, aid to R. L. Flanders and L. Hutchinson, ...	15 37
S. H. Bean, aid to B. Bean, ...	5 00
C. H. Wells, aid to L. Hutchinson, . .	6 00
J. M. Gilman, aid to L. Maxwell, . .	18 71
L. H. Mudgett, aid to Judith Gilman, .	18 00
N. Weeks, board of M. Weeks, . .	30 00
C. H. Wells, aid to L. Hutchinson, . .	4 00
N. L. Marsh, " " . .	24 73
N. L. Marsh, " " . .	18 94
S. H. Bean, aid to Betsy Bean, . .	25 00
S. H. Bean, " " . . .	10 00
W. S. Gale, boarding poor, . . .	73 30
W. S. Gale, " " . . .	26 97
W. S. Gale, " " . . .	55 12
Sally H. Bean, aid to Betsy Bean, . .	20 00
C. H. Wells, for boarding L. Hutchinson,	6 00
J. M. Gilman, for aid furnished L. Maxfield, ...	60 29
Nahum Wight, for medical aid to poor in town, ...	50 00
C. H. Wells, for boarding L. Hutchinson,	8 00
N. Weeks, for boarding M. Weeks, .	12 00
J. Blake, for medical aid and attendance to poor in town, ...	25 00
	$817 94

Paid for Poor, Chargeable to County and other Towns.

1868.

Paid	H. W. Peaslee, for goods for E. Danforth,	$11 76
	H. W. Peaslee, for goods for P. Twombly,	13 50
	H. W. Peaslee, for goods for Mary Gilman,	2 00
	H. W. Peaslee, for goods for C. F. Smith family, ...	22 06
	H. E. Marsh, for goods for C. F. Smith family, ...	4 13
	I. G. Piper, aid to Mrs. Morrison, . .	2 00
	H. W. Peaslee, aid to Smith and Twombly families, ...	11 20
	D. E. Page, aid to E. Morrison, . .	3 00
	J. Blake, medical aid to S. N. Hill, Alton,	5 00
	N. Wight, medical aid to Mrs. Horn, .	5 00
	J. Gilbert, coffin for Mrs. Horn, . .	9 00
	C. H. Hackett, " . . .	5 18
	S. H. Dearborn, " . . .	2 50
	E. Hutchinson, for robe for Mrs. Horn, .	1 00
	H. W. Peaslee, for aid to " .	2 55
	G. W. Parsons, aid to J. Jones family, .	14 17
	Reform School, for W. Hill and John Watson, ...	13 71
	Reform School, for W. Hill and John Watson, ...	13 00
	Reform School for W. Hill, . . .	18 28
	J. A. Jones, wood for Mrs. Paul Twombly,	4 00
		$163 04

Roads and Bridges.

Paid	J. French for bridge plank, . . .	$14 41
	R. H. Jones, for bridge plank, . .	9 62
	J. J. S. Rundlett, work on road, . .	2 00
	A. Page, " " . .	3 82
	G. W. Edgerly, for timber for bridge, .	2 85
	H. E. Marsh, for bridge plank, . .	9 58
	R. Allen, " " . .	16 00

Paid	R. Allen, for bridge plank,	$11 00
	E. C. Tebbetts, " "	7 36
	G. H. Potter, " "	5 04
	J. J. Bean, " "	11 67
	M. D. Varney, work on road,	3 50
	S. E. Eveleth, " "	5 45
	J. Ham, for bridge plank,	25 10
	Upper Gilmanton,	250 00
	Wm. H. Weeks, for bridge plank,	2 12
	A. P. Munsey, bridge plank and lumber,	9 36
	H. E. Marsh, for labor on highway,	14 40
	J. A. Jones, for plank,	5 15
	J. A. Jones, railing bridges,	35 78
	J. A. Maxfield, for labor on the highway, 1867,	4 00
	C. J. Goodwin, labor on highway,	2 21
	H. M. Coffin, labor on bridge,	7 00
	A. T. Edgerly, for bridge timber and bridge plank,	31 74
	Paul A. Merrill, bridge plank,	1 00
	C. A. Hatch, labor on bridge,	4 00
		$494 16

Paid Damage Done to Sheep by Dogs in 1867.

Paid	T. Cogswell,	$3 00
	Wm. Dearborn,	5 00
	J. H. Drew,	3 00
	J. F. Nelson,	3 00
	N. S. Gale,	3 00
	J. S. Randlet,	16 00
		$33 00

Paid Town Officers.

Paid	Auditors,	$9 00
	J. S. Osborn, for services as constable two years,	5 00
	S. J. Gale, for services as selectman out of town,	17 94

Paid S. J. Gale, for services for 1867, . .	$48 07
E. S. Prue, for services as selectman, 1867,	58 50
E. S. Prue, for expenses out of town, .	7 25
J. K. Woodman, services as town clerk, 1868, ...	37 50
L. E. Page, for services as selectman out of town, 1867, ...	19 50
L. E. Page, for services as selectman in town, 1867, ...	48 00
C. Arlin, for services as constable, . .	2 00
C. Arlin, " " " . .	1 50
G. W. Parsons, services as selectman, 1868,	42 74
E. S. Prue, " " " 1868,	20 08
J. D. Nelson, " " " 1868,	43 71
L. H. Mudgett, " " collector, 1867,	36 00
J. Lougee, 2d, for collecting, and constable fees, ...	84 72
	$481 51

Current Expenses.

Paid J. W. Hoyt, watering trough, . .	$3 00
Trustees for repair of Town Hall, . .	3 43
L. E. Page, for paper, ...	98
J. K. Woodman, road case at Gilford, .	6 15
C. Arlin, for attendance Co. court, . .	1 75
Treasury for loss on money, . . .	50 00
J. Leighton, for two days as witness, .	3 86
J. O. Dow, for watering trough, . .	1 50
J. D. Nelson, for inventory and surveyor's books, ...	5 45
T. Adams, for printing Town Report, .	50 00
N. D. Garmon, for ex-records, . .	2 00
H. E. Marsh, for constable fees and going to Laconia, ...	5 00
Mrs. C. Gilman, for board of, . .	40 00
J. S. Shannon, for watering trough, .	3 00
Mrs. C. Gilman, for boarding selectmen and auditors, ...	68 02
J. M. Lovering, for license, . . .	25 00

Paid F. P. Burroughs, for watering trough,	$2 00
N. D. Garmon, for ex-records,	4 00
Martha Gilman, for rent and lights for 1867,	12 00
C. T. Moore, repairs on Town Hall,	2 75
E. S. Mudgett, for watering trough, 2 years,	6 00
C. T. Moore, for repairing Town Hall,	2 00
M. Weeks, for watering trough, 2 years,	6 00
School District No. 13,	71 75
J. W. Prescott, for watering trough,	2 50
State tax,	3,125 00
County tax,	915 32
A. Prescott, for affidavit,	1 00
C. Gilman, for board of selectmen for 1868,	35 39
J. K. Woodmam, for damage to horse,	3 00
Thomas Cogswell, for attorney's fees,	60 00
S. Grant, for watering trough,	3 00
" " breaking cart wheel,	3 00
C. A. Dockhan, for printing,	2 50
Several school districts,	1,224 09
R. Griffin, for erecting guide post,	75
J. S. Gilman, for damages to wagon,	1 50
L. E. Durrell, for watering trough for 1868,	3 00
J. Brown, for watering trough, for 1868,	3 00
	$5,759 69

For Abatement of Taxes.

Paid M. Eastman, over-tax,	$1 66
J. Longee, 2d, "	7 49
O. Marsh, abatement over-tax, 1867,	3 75
S. F. French, " poll tax, 1867,	4 50
L. H. Mudgett, " several persons,	111 39
C. S. P. Sanderson, poll tax,	1 99
J. S. Page, abatement several persons,	28 46

Paid A. Prescott, abatemen tof dog tax,	. .	$1 00
J. Lougee, " non-resident road tax,	. . . . .	22 48
J. S. Page, " of tax of several persons,	. . . . .	19 86
J. Lougee, " Durrell & Coffin, Bank tax,	. . . . .	99 27
J. Lougee, " several persons,	.	113 78
" " " "	.	5 03
F. Ayers, " of tax destroyed by fire,	. . . . .	6 25
S. Danforth, " " "	.	2 99
R. H. Jones, " on horses and cows lost,	. . . . .	3 27
G. H. Seward, " of tax, 1865,	.	2 19
" " " " "	.	57 00
N. Wight, Guardian and Trustee, Bank tax,	. . . . .	45 49
J. Leighton, abatement tax, 1865,	. .	12 03
		$549 88

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Thomas Adams, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Gilmanton, February 26, 1869.

		Dr.
To cash in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 2, 1869,		$2,103 72
To balance in hands of old collectors prior to 1867,		379 12
1868.		
Mar. 9.	To cash rec'd of L. E. Page, . .	4 11
9.	" hired of Charles Arlin, .	250 00
9.	" rec'd of George W. Weeks, .	7 00
10.	" " J. Wentworth, for tax abated, ...	7 86
10.	To cash rec'd of C. E. Tilton, for tax abated, ...	4 50
10.	To cash rec'd of Frank Marsh, for tax abated, ...	4 50
10.	To cash rec'd of S. Grant, for tax abated, ...	4 50

Mar.	25.	To cash hired of C. D. Carr, . .	$260 00
	27.	" " A. B. Osgood, .	300 00
	27.	" " J. Cram, .	400 00
	27.	" " D. Avery, .	475 00
	27.	" " M. D. Page, .	100 00
	27.	" " A. H. Tebbetts, .	200 00
	27.	" rec'd of J. Q. Adams, for liquor, ...	84 12
	27.	To cash rec'd of County of Belknap, for support of paupers, .	54 00
	27.	To cash hired of E. Hutchinson, .	75 00
	30.	" " M. Rowe, . .	30 00
	30.	" " J. D. Nelson, .	250 00
Apr.	11.	" " E. A. Glidden, .	190 00
	11.	" " A. Glidden, .	50 00
	11.	" " A. Page, . .	200 00
	16.	" " T. Adams, . .	75 00
	16.	" " Cong. Ch. Gilmanton, I. W., ...	100 00
	16.	Order of A. R. Price, . . .	200 00
	20.	To cash hired of S. G. Flanders, .	190 00
	20.	" " C. E. Flanders, .	50 00
	21.	" " M. L. Dow, . .	50 00
May	6.	" " P. Dudley, . .	650 00
	6.	" " S. Edgerly, . .	30 00
	15.	" " T. Adams, . .	100 00
	15.	" " S. Gale, . .	100 00
	15.	" " R. Edgerly, . .	100 00
	15.	" " J. Lougee, . .	150 00
	20.	" " P. Dudley, . .	600 00
	20.	" " by Geo. W. Parsons, .	494 80
June	1.	" " J. D. Nelson, .	1,020 00
	1.	" " J. P. Coffin, . .	100 00
	13.	" " of S. Heath, . .	200 00
	27.	" " M. Foss, . .	200 00
	27.	" " H. E. Marsh, .	500 00
July	4.	" " S. Gale, . .	100 00
Aug.	29.	" " by J. D. Nelson, .	449 67
	29.	Received of Alton for Horn family, .	25 23
	29.	To cash hired by Geo. W. Parsons, .	230 00
	29.	" " E. S. Price, .	30 00

Aug.	29.	To cash hired by G. T. Adams, .	$200 00
Sept.	6.	" " Geo. W. Parsons,	250 00
	6.	" " of J. Elsworth, .	200 00
	6.	Received from the County, for support of paupers, ...	108 34
	24.	" " " " .	8 71
	24.	Received from the town of Barnstead, for the support of paupers,	14 17
Oct.	31.	To cash hired of J. P. Hill, . .	500 00
	31.	" " A. E. Avery, .	50 00
	31.	" " J. J. Young, .	75 00
	31.	" " F. C. Clark, .	300 00
	31.	" " M. Weeks, . .	100 00
	31.	" " N. S. Gale, . .	100 00
	31.	Cash and orders, ...	500 00
	31.	To cash hired of S. Parsons, . .	200 00
Nov.	3.	" " C. H. Lougee, .	150 00
	3.	" " by an order, . .	35 85
Dec.	8.	Cash and orders by J. D. Nelson, .	633 00
	14.	" " Geo. W. Parsons,	1,300 00
	19.	" " J. D. Nelson, .	91 58
	19.	" " of J. French, . .	190 00
	23.	" " H. E. Marsh, .	250 00
	24.	Cash and orders delivered by J. D. Nelson, ...	1,285 00
	24.	Received of Savings Bank, tax dividend for 1868, ...	165 10
	24.	Received of Railroad, . . .	13 40
	24.	" Literary fund, 1868, .	80 64
1869.			
Jan.	9.	Received by George W. Parsons, .	325 00
	9.	" J. D. Nelson, . .	515 42
	23.	" cash of " .	302 00
Feb.	6.	" " " . . .	438 00
	6.	" " G. W. Parsons, .	250 00
	16.	Received in cash and orders by G. W. Parsons, ...	410 00
	17.	Received cash hired of F. B. Coffin,	100 00
	17.	" " M. A. Dudley,	50 00
	17.	" " S. Ayers, .	300 00

Feb. 17.	Cash received for liquor sold, .	$16 00
17.	Received interest on taxes unpaid prior to Nov. 1, 1868, . . .	1 12
17.	Received of J. Lougee, 2d, collector of taxes for 1867, . . .	1,027 64
17.	Received of J. Lougee, note to balance, ...	50 00 50 00
17.	Received of Levi H. Mudgett, collector of taxes, for 1867, . .	1,227 00
17.	Received of Isaac G. Piper, for liquor sold, ...	47 56
17.	Received of Thomas Adams, collector for 1868, ...	2,309 99
17.	Received of Ephraim Tebbetts, collector for 1868, ...	3,578 65
		$28,927 30
Amount in old collectors' hands charged to the Treasurer, ...		83 50
Amount, ...		$28,843 80

RECAPITULATION.

Paid outstanding orders and interest on the same, ...	$19,859 40
for poor in town, ...	817 94
for poor chargeable to county and other towns, ...	163 04
town officers, ...	481 51
for repair of old roads and bridges, .	494 16
current expenses, ...	5,759 69
abatement of taxes, ...	549 88
damage to sheep by dogs, ...	33 00
Amount paid, ...	$28,158 62

Receipts into the Treasury, ...	$28,927 30
Sums paid out, ...	28,158 62
Cash in the Treasury, ...	$768 68

THOMAS ADAMS, *Treasurer.*

EBENEZER S. PRICE,
JOSIAH D. NELSON,
GEORGE W. PARSONS,
Selectmen of Gilmanton.

FEBRUARY 26, 1869.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN S. GILMAN,
JOHN S. PAGE,
Auditors.

List of Names and Ages of Paupers in the Town of Gilmanton, February 26, 1869.

	Age
Eliza Thompson (adjudged county pauper), September, 1868, ...	59
Cordelia Lamprey, " " .	52
Hannah Dicey, " " .	93
Levi Hutchinson, ...	81
Louisa Maxfield, ...	
Judith Gilman, in part, ...	63
Betsy Bean, ...	
Mary Weeks, in part (died Feb. 1869.). .	

Indebtedness of Town.

We find the Town indebted February 26th, 1869, for outstanding orders, as follows: —

A. Foss,	$33 00	J. Price,	$100 00
C. H. Lougee, 2nd,	200 00	C. O. Stockbridge,	162 66
Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	600 00	R. J. Varney,	62 40
Anne G. Warner,	200 00	T. S. Dudley,	200 00
Mary E. Page,	125 00	B. Gilman,	33 00
F. P. Burroughs	100 00	J. Price,	60 00
A. G. Warner,	100 00	M. A. Mudgett,	100 00
Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	100 00	M. A. B. Sawyer,	100 00
D. Hatch,	200 00	D. B. Bradford, Tr. of Cong'l Society, Gilmanton I. W.,	16 00
T. P. Burroughs,	100 00	S. Dudley,	100 00
Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	500 00	F. P. Burroughs,	250 00
Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	100 00	J. Clough,	300 00
C. Varney,	200 00	M. A. B. Sawyer,	100 00
C. Arlin,	100 00	H. Partridge,	335 00
T. B. Burns,	100 00	N. Pulsifer,	225 00
M. E. Page,	182 00	S. J. Gale,	500 00
J. R. Woodman,	150 00	A. T. Page,	400 00
E. Emerson,	250 00	Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	400 00
D. O. Williams,	400 00	D. L. Piper,	400 00
D. O. Williams,	100 00	H. B. Kimball,	516 00
D. O. Williams,	100 00	L. G. Lougee,	780 00
M. A. Mudgett,	500 00	L. G. Lougee,	9 54
Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	300 00	T. S. Dudley,	200 00
J. F. Chesley,	200 00	J. Price,	65 00
Treasurer of Congregational Church, Gilmanton I. W.,	100 00	B. F. Hall,	200 00
L. E. Page,	100 00	S. Gale,	200 00
M. A. Mudgett,	200 00	D. G. Berry,	140 00
M. A. Lougee,	100 00	J. Lougee, 2d,	128 00
		B. F. Hall,	200 00
		N. Folsom,	50 00
		M. F. Nelson,	600 00
		M. K. Eveleth,	250 00

O. J. Edgerly,	$300 00	C. W. Clay,	$40 00
O. J. Edgerly,	300 00	L. E. Page,	225 00
A. P. Merrill,	250 00	S. J. Gale,	654 54
D. B. Merrill,	550 00	A. H. Tebbetts,	25 00
C. Varney,	500 00	F. Adams,	75 00
C. G. Kelley, balance,	100 00	G. H. Seward, balance,	910 00
S. Chesley,	200 00	H. E. Lougee,	10 00
E. Shannon,	150 00	J. A. Hurd,	80 00
H. Chesley,	150 00	Ai Page,	500 00
E. A. Clough,	200 00	M. E. Page,	110 00
M. P. Page, balance,	900 00	M. A. Gilman,	62 00
J. T. Cotter,	200 00	E. Hill,	100 00
Bearer,	32 00	J. S. Shannon,	100 00
Simon Clough,	300 00	M. E. Page,	232 00
Simon Clough,	48 00	J. Morrison,	200 00
H. S. Gale,	250 00	H. H. Norcross,	200 00
L. G. Lougee,	170 00	P. Dudley,	200 00
J. Price,	28 00	S. L. Greeley,	100 00
M. A. Clough,	20 00	T. J. Sanborn,	75 00
M. A. Mudgett,	175 00	C. J. Sanborn,	36 00
J. M. Gilman,	300 00	Ai Page,	300 00
H. B. Davis,	100 00	C. W. Clay,	60 00
E. Hill,	100 00	H. B. Kimball,	204 00
S. Clough,	160 00	M. Smith, balance,	150 00
D. G. Edgerly,	75 00	N. M. Sanborn,	70 00
G. A. Sanborn,	50 00	J. S. Page,	50 00
J. B. Durrell,	150 00	H. H. Norcross,	200 00
B. O. Copp,	193 00	E. Hill,	160 00
M. A. Mudgett,	67 00	George W. Parsons,	25 00
C. Varney,	300 00	Leavit W. Powell,	86 00
D. E. Lougee,	250 00	Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	108 71
J. Morrison,	300 00		
R. J. Gilman,	20 56		
C. O. Stockbridge,	350 00	Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	108 71
M. E. Clough,	200 00	A. P. Smith,	460 00
S. L. Greeley,	400 00	I. S. French,	200 00
C. J. Rogers,	158 35	A. A. French,	50 00
M. Foss,	250 00	A. S. French,	150 00
J. P. Hill,	800 00	M. A. Hurd,	200 00
N. Hogsdon,	250 00	M. E. Page,	100 00
H. B. Kimball,	150 00	M. E. Page,	100 00

R. M. Page,	50 00	S. Longee,	16 00
A. S. French,	70 00	T. J. Sanborn,	175 00
A. A. French,	50 00	J. Heath,	400 00
I. S. French,	200 00	L. E. Page,	150 00
Trustees Gilmanton Academy,	470 00	S. S. Metcalf,	400 00
		C. E. Plumer,	150 00
H. H. Kimball,	120 00	N.C.Merrill, 2 orders,	500 00
J. A. Sargent,	250 00	G. T. Barker,	460 00
J. C. Baker,	500 00	E. Marsh,	25 00
H. H. Kimball,	158 00	A. T. Page,	300 00
A. K. Page,	100 00	L. G. Longee,	937 55
L. E. Page,	75 00	M. A. Ellis,	400 00
Ira Shannon,	400 00	H. B. Kimball,	250 00
I. M. Gilman,	360 00	Ai Page,	200 00
C. W. Clay,	30 00	S. Parsons,	100 00
J. T. Gilman,	100 00	H. T. Gilman,	80 00
J. A. Leighton,	310 00	N. Folsom,	60 00
A. M. Jewell,	119 36	C. O. Stockbridge,	200 00
M. A. Young,	100 00	N. J. Moore,	173 31
Ai Page,	300 00	D. F. Glidden, balance,	79 00
J. Young,	200 00	H. Glidden,	40 00
B. Q. Jewett,	325 00	James M. Pickering,	500 00
T. Adams,	100 00	J. C. Baker,	200 00
B. T. Leighton,	25 00	E. E. Merrill,	250 00
R. D. Varney,	76 00	C. F. Gilman,	100 00
C. H. Marsh,	20 00	M. Rowe,	120 00
J. Leighton,	150 00	H. E. Marsh,	500 00
E. Hill,	60 00	J. D. Nelson, balance,	260 00
S. Potter,	100 00	G. W. Eaton, balance,	75 00
I. Shannon,	500 00	C. W. Marsh,	50 00
M. Piper,	40 00	O. J. Edgerly,	41 63
T. Adams,	75 00	O. J. Edgerly,	4 50
M. Smith,	200 00	M. Bunker,	50 00
O. J. Edgerly,	100 00	B. B. Lamprey,	100 00
E. T. Stevens,	54 00	M. D. Page,	570 00
C. F. Gilman,	50 00	A. T. Page,	50 00
C. E. Plumer,	855 00	J. P. Sanborn,	100 00
A. E. Knowles,	500 00	J. A. Leighton,	100 00
R. M. Page,	250 00	J. A. Sargent,	200 00
J. H. Osgood,	228 50	M. S. Clough,	200 00
A. Dudley,	703 58	J. Price,	50 00

H. S. Goodwin,	150 00	I. P. Coffin,	100 00
C. Arlin,	300 00	M. Foss,	200 00
T. Adams,	100 00	S. Gale,	100 00
C. Arlin,	250 00	H. E. Marsh,	500 00
Bearer,	35 85	C. W. Clay,	30 00
M. D. Page,	100 00	T. W. Hill,	50 00
J. C. Baker,	200 00	J. S. Shannon,	100 00
D. Avery,	475 00	R. L. Page,	59 35
A. H. Tebbetts,	200 00	J. P. Clough,	140 00
C. D. Carr,	260 00	E. Osgood,	200 00
A. B. Osgood,	300 00	J. D. Nelson,	100 00
J. Cram,	400 00	M. Rowe,	30 00
E. Hutchinson,	75 00	E. E. Merrill,	200 00
M. Rowe,	30 00	L. G. Lougee,	344 91
E. A. Glidden,	190 00	N. L. Marsh,	3 50
A. Glidden,	50 00	A. J Merrill,	250 00
Ai Page,	200 00	J. Elsworth,	200 00
Treas. Cong'al Society, Gilmanton I.W.	100 00	S. J. Page,	104 14
S. G. Flanders,	190 00	R. S. Page,	35 00
C. E. Flanders,	50 00	A. O. Page,	35 00
M. L. Dow,	50 00	N. S. Gale,	100 00
J.W.Clough, balance,	120 00	A. E. Avery,	50 00
J. W. Clough,	200 00	J. J. Young,	75 00
P. Dudley,	650 00	M. Weeks,	100 00
A. S———,	200 00	Ira Gilman,	2 00
S. P. Dudley,	100 00	J. P. Hill, Administrator of J. S. Shannon's estate,	500 00
M. D. Page,	50 00	S. Parsons,	200 00
N. Gilman, balance,	151 40	A. Stevens,	500 00
P. Dudley,	450 00	C. H. Lougee,	150 00
J. W. Ham,	50 00	E. Holbrook,	175 00
S. Gale,	100 00	A. L. Edgerly,	200 00
J. Lougee,	150 00	C. W. Marsh,	33 00
P. Dudley,	100 00	P. R. Coffin,	100 00
P. Dudley,	600 00	S. Dudley,	250 00
T. Adams,	100 00	S. Dudley,	250 00
S. J. H———,	1,169 00	O. L. Green,	1,200 00
A. H. Tebbetts,	275 00	C. Varney,	200 00
E. S. Nelson,	75 00	C. Varney,	7 34
S. Gale,	200 00	J. French,	190 00
S. Heath, balance,	150 00		

H. E. Marsh,	$250 00	J. C. Osgood,	$50 00
M. H. Rand,	275 00	S. Edgerly,	200 00
G. W. Parsons,	50 00	A. S———,	100 00
C. Varney,	200 00	J. B. & H. S. Goodwin	138 00
I. P. Coffin,	235 00	H. P. Thompson,	110 00
J. W. Clough,	150 00	P. Hatch,	300 00
M. Humphry,	700 00	S. H. Bean,	61 78
J. Watson,	32 00	Ai Page,	774 20
W. N. Swain,	175 00	F. P. Coffin,	100 00
O. J. Edgerly,	175 00	M. A. Dudley,	50 00
D. E. Edgerly,	25 00	A. S———,	300 00
J. Elsworth,	1 00	S. G. Lougee,	1 50
A. Mack,	102 52	H. W. Peaslee,	11 50
G. M. Dudley,	500 00	H. W. Peaslee,	45
G. M. Dudley,	206 59	A. M. Williams,	288 78
R. J. Gilman,	300 00	E. Hill,	200 00
J. Elsworth,	3 00	S. L. Greeley,	100 00
J. K. Dudley,	3 52	L. G. Lougee,	184 00
J. H. Osgood,	200 00	O. J. Edgerly,	36 00

Amount of outstanding orders against the town,	$68,038 23
Estimated interest on the same, . . .	2,591 27
Unsettled bills against the town by estimation,	539 00
	$71,168 40

CREDIT.

Cash in Treasury, ...	768 68
Due from Government, bounties assigned, .	2,240 00
Due from Belknap County, and other towns,	49 00
Due from Levi H. Mudgett, Collector, 1867,	335 72
Due from Chas. H. Gilman, Collector, 1863,	19 75
Due from Isaac S. Sanborn, Collector, 1866,	63 75
Due from Thomas Adams, Collector, 1868,	412 67
Due from Ephraim Tebbetts, 1868, . .	1,880 73
	$5,770 30
Indebtedness of the town over means, . .	$65,398 10

JOHN S. GILMAN,
JOHN S. PAGE,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Our schools, seventeen summer and thirteen winter terms, have employed twenty-five different teachers, — five males and twenty females.

The amount of money raised by the town for school purposes is one thousand dollars. Amount of Literary Fund, seventy dollars and five cents.

Total number of scholars attending school during the year, five hundred and ninety-eight. Average attendance, four hundred and eighty-nine.

The whole length of schools for the year, two hundred fifty-eight and one-half weeks. The average length of school to each district, fourteen and thirteen-twenty-eighths weeks.

The number of scholars attending to each of the following studies: To Reading, 598; Spelling, 598; Penmanship, 264; Arithmetic, 372; Grammar, 106; Geography, 162; History, 6; Composition, 7; Philosophy, 2; Physiology, 3; Algebra, 8; Chemistry, 2; and Book-keeping, 1.

The schools commencing after November first are termed winter schools.

The following is a brief statement of the condition of our schools.

District No. 1.

Prudential committee, Charles S. Bunker; teacher, Miss Emma F. Jacobs; length of school eight weeks; whole No. of scholars, twenty-eight; average attendance, twenty; wages of teacher, $15.

This teacher labored under adverse circumstances in teaching her first term in her own district. The teacher labored to give satisfaction, and with as good degree of success as could be expected under the circumstances.

The winter term of eight weeks was taught by GEORGE C. PRESCOTT; length of school, six weeks; whole number of scholars, twenty-nine; average attendance, twenty-four and four-fifths; wages, $26.

We agree with the teacher's remarks in his report: "That he labored diligently to build up a good school, to aid and instruct the scholar in obtaining the rudiments of an education," with a fair degree of success. But we apprehend that he would have been more successful had he enforced stricter discipline.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential committee, GEORGE H. POTTER; teacher, GEORGE H. MASON, of Loudon; length of school, eight weeks and a half; whole number of scholars, thirty-one; average attendance, twenty-three and twenty-three thirty-thirds; wages of teacher, $32.

Of this school I am glad to remark that it was what may be termed a model school. The teacher went to the root of the matter and taught the principles. He did not labor so much to crowd the memory as to teach the mind how to act. The examination gave proof of a marked and rapid progress. Dialogues, declamations, &c., at the close of school, made the examination entertaining to the visitors, and profitable to the scholars. There was but one term in this district.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential committee, ALBERT R. PAIGE; teacher, Miss ELLEN R. CLAY; length of school, six weeks; number of scholars, nine; average attendance, seven and one-half; wages of teachers, $12; the board was given.

Miss Clay has the abilities necessary to constitute a good teacher. The status of the school at its close was quite

satisfactory. Judging from report, and the examination, she labored to awaken within the pupils an appreciative sense of their part in the work before them.

The winter term of eleven weeks was under the care of Miss Rebecca J. Paige. Number of scholars, nineteen; average attendance, sixteen; wages of teacher, $18.80.

She aimed to be thorough. Some of the students appeared a little restless; and, the teacher remarks, not fully interested in their studies. Miss Paige labored hard, and met with fair success.

District No. 4.

Committee, John L. Sargent; teacher, Daniel B. Mudgett: one term, of eight and one-half weeks; number of scholars, eighteen; average attendance, fourteen; wages of teacher, $25.

This was Mr. Mudgett's first term. The school, which is rather backward, made good improvement; they were taught very thoroughly in mathematics and reading, — nor was writing ignored, which is too often the case. Mr. Mudgett possesses the qualities of a good teacher.

District No. 5.

Committee, J. S. Paige; teacher of the summer term, Miss Susie C. Rogers; length of school, seven weeks; whole number of scholars, twenty-four; average attendance, eighteen; wages, $13.

Miss Rogers' reputation as a teacher is good. Her school appeared well, and made satisfactory improvement.

The winter term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Mary A. Dudley; whole number of scholars, eighteen; average attendance, sixteen; wages, $20.

With some exceptions, the progress of the school was not satisfactory. On my second visit the teacher reported that the scholars were not willingly obedient, nor very much interested in their studies.

District No. 6.

Committee, F. Marsh; one term of fourteen weeks, taught by Miss Ellen F. Proctor of Barnstead; whole number of scholars, fifteen; average attendance, ten; wages of teacher, $16.

This teacher appeared very much interested in her work, that her duties should be well performed. If unfavorable surroundings tend to deaden the energies and enervate the mind, we wonder that the scholars had any enthusiasm at the close of the school. The school-house is in bad condition.

District No. 7.

Committee, Stephen B. Flanders; teacher of both terms, Miss Mary A. Clough of Alton; length of school, first term, eight weeks; whole number of scholars, eight; average attendance, seven; wages, $10.

I had no notice of the close of either term, but was enabled to spend one half-hour with it. Mutual good will and kindness seemed to exist between the teacher and scholars, and there appeared to be a good interest on the part of the whole in their work. We think the improvement might have been very much more, had there been a greater display of tact and energy.

Length of winter term, seven weeks; whole number of scholars, fifteen; average attendance, fourteen; wages of teacher, $12.

District No. 8.

Committee, W. H. Weeks; teacher of both terms, Miss Ellen P. Mudgett; length of first term, six and one-half weeks; whole number of scholars, five; average attendance, five; wages, $12.

This was the teacher's first term. The school was small, orderly and well taught. The scholars were young, apt and very prompt in recitation.

Length of winter term, six and one-half weeks; number of scholars, four; average attendance, four; wages, $16.

District No. 9.

Committee, Nathan Sanborn; teacher of first term, Miss Mary A. Dudley; length of school, nine weeks; whole number of scholars, thirty-seven; average attendance, thirty-five; wages of teacher, $26.

There were a large number of classes in this school, making the duties of the teacher somewhat arduous; but the school was well managed and gave good satisfaction to the district.

The winter term was under the care of Daniel Chesley of Epsom; length of school, nine weeks; whole number of scholars, thirty-nine; average attendance, thirty-three; wages of teacher, $36.

The fact that this was the teacher's third term in this district indicates the character of the school prompt, orderly and effective.

District No. 10.

Committee, Cyrus Varney; teacher, Ruhamah Felker; length of school, eleven weeks; number of scholars, fifteen; average attendance, thirteen and seventeen one-hundredths; wages, $18.

This teacher's register was well filled, every item attended to; which was in consonance with the tenor of her school, where it was found she had been faithful. The school was prompt and orderly; it appeared finely at the closing examination.

District No. 11.

Committee, Mark Dennitt; teacher of the only term of nine weeks, Miss Ruhamah Felker; whole number of scholars, sixteen. The school was visited one week previous to its close, it not closing in season for the full report. In scholarship it ranks first in town. I found it to be a quiet, orderly and industrious school, the scholars undoubtedly knowing for what they were there.

District No. 12.

Committee, John Watson; teacher, Miss Ella M. Watson; length of summer term, six and one-half weeks; whole number of scholars, fifteen; average attendance, twelve; wages, $12.

This school made good improvement, under the plan of knowing what is gone over, — not going over that which is not known. Her reading and arithmetical classes would be selected as approximating the nearest to par excellence. The teacher remarks in her report, that "it is far better to rule by love than fear," teaching the scholar to fear when gentle means failed. Your committee thinks that they should have been taught to fear a little more.

Length of winter term, ten and one-half weeks; whole number of scholars, seventeen; average attendance, twelve; wages, $14.25.

District No. 13.

Committee, Edward Mudgett; teacher of the first term, Miss Ella F. Woodman; number of scholars, twenty-three; average attendance, nineteen; wages $12.

There was an apparent want of that interest on the part of the scholars in their studies which makes itself manifest in great results. The teacher's supremacy was not sufficiently well asserted. Her ready will to do accomplished much. This was the teacher's first term.

The winter term of seventeen weeks was taught by Miss Susie C. Rogers; whole number of scholars, twenty-eight. The school had not closed when this report was written. A visit to it one week previous to its close found it progressing satisfactorily.

District No. 14.

Committee, Joseph Griffin; teacher of the summer term, Miss Ella L. Rollins; whole number of scholars, twelve; average attendance, nine; wages, $10. This was

the teacher's first term. We note here a quiet, orderly school. It made good progress.

Winter term of eight weeks was under the instruction of Miss FANNIE A. ROLLINS; whole number of scholars, twelve; average attendance, ten; wages, $14. The school was well taught, and the progress good.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Committee, DUDLEY B. S. ADAMS; teacher, Miss ADDIE A. PAIGE, of Pittsfield; one term of nine weeks; whole number of scholars, nineteen; average attendance, fourteen; wages, $20.

The number of visitors present bespoke an interest on the part of the parents in the school. The teacher was a live teacher; the school was a live school. It was orderly, cheerful, systematic. The teacher knew how to direct her energies, consequently the school improved rapidly.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Committee, MOSES GALE; teacher of the first term of six weeks, Miss CELIA H. MARSH; whole number of scholars, sixteen; average attendance, fourteen; wages, $10, exclusive of board. The school improved rapidly under the excellent instruction of Miss MARSH.

The winter term of nine weeks was taught by Miss CLARA A. PROCTOR, of Barnstead. Number of scholars, twenty; average attendance, seventeen; wages of teacher, $16.

Miss Proctor's literary attainments were ample to instruct in this district, but she failed to maintain proper order, and there was some want of that energy which characterizes a good teacher. This was the teacher's first term.

District No. 17.

Committee, A. P. Munsey; teacher, Miss Clara Peaslee; whole number of scholars, thirteen; average attendance, ten and two-thirds; wages, exclusive of board, $9.

This teacher labored hard and assiduously to build up a good school, and benefited it very much by the use of the little word *why*,—especially a class in fractions. The teacher succeeded very well, but would have succeeded better if she had enforced as much diligence on the part of the scholar as she displayed herself, for "the mind is its own educator." The teacher may aid, but the work is mainly the scholar's.

Miss Laura S. J. Bartlett, of Gilford, teacher of the winter term of eleven weeks; whole number of scholars, fourteen; average attendance, eleven. This teacher was eminently successful. Schools are rarely found so cheerfully obedient as this.

District No. 18.

Committee, John Lougee; Miss Laura A. Gale, teacher of the summer term of nine weeks; whole number of scholars, forty-one; average attendance, thirty-six; wages of teacher, $21. This teacher is experienced, and instructs systematically and thoroughly. The school appeared finely at its close.

Teacher of the winter term of nine weeks, Josiah S. Goodwin; whole number of scholars, fifty-five; average attendance, forty-three; wages, $35. Mr. Goodwin is a teacher of large experience. We found at the close that sickness had reduced his school somewhat. Those present evidently had made good progress. One class in Greenleaf's Intellectual Arithmetic had manifestly been very well taught. The school appeared well.

To what should be the natural and interested inquiry of every citizen of this town, "Are our schools satisfactory?" I must answer, No. Although it is seen by my report that most of our schools are well spoken of, and some highly,

they have been judged by the present standard with us and adjacent rural towns. Improvement should be our motto. The time has now come when a step forward should be taken. The march of events should not be allowed to outstrip us. We should imbibe the spirit of activity that is abroad in the world around us, and that characterizes the living present as an age both practical and progressive. Not only should we bestir ourselves in regard to our schools, but we must, or suffer. The vital interests of this section of the country, known as New England, a part of which is Gilmanton, are closely linked with and dependent upon the relative amount of educated labor, of our thinkers, of the preëminence of our statesmen, in comparison with those of the great and destined-to-be-wealthy West and the South. I speak of this because the preëminence of this portion of our country rests upon the superiority of our common schools. Our ability to compete with the West will depend upon the superiority of our educated labor. It is a matter of no small concern that we are so indifferent in regard to our schools. Already do some of the Western States require six months of schooling. Paying higher for their instructors, they are already enticing away the better portion of our teachers.

But what are we doing here in Gilmanton? How does the town compare with itself formerly? It is true it could have been helped only in part, but still it is a matter of concern that within the last fifteen years the number of our scholars has decreased something more than one-half. If the number has decreased, likewise has the interest, attention, and money bestowed upon them. The costs of our schools per week have increased, consequently their length has decreased. That such should be the case is a matter, if not more painful, at least more mortifying.

It will be seen by the opening statements of the report, that there are but avery few scholars pursuing other studies than those pursued forty or fifty years ago. Analysis and parsing have almost become among the things that were. One year's observation of our schools convinces me that something must be done for them. What are the pressing wants of our schools? What shall we do to restore Gilmanton to its former proud position — to once more furnish

the State with eminent men? But, first of all, what shall we do to enable our sons, in the sharp world of business, to compete with others for an honest livelihood? It is to give them capital to start with, if they will accept it; and let that capital be education. To do so we must raise more money.

We trust that the voters of the town will see that its interests demand more than fourteen and thirteen-twentieths weeks of schooling; that the investment of a few hundred dollars more in the educational interests of its youth is money well expended. For "knowledge is power," and educated labor is the cheapest and most effective. We have it from good authority, that "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

I remarked that the schools were not satisfactory. Not only because the town had not extended its fostering care sufficiently, but because the method of instruction could and should be improved in most instances. Want of system has often been complained of. I need not speak of that, for Normal schools will soon come into use and settle it. But the Normal school is waiting for public opinion to move in its favor. I believe it is to become the means of initiating a radical change in our present method of instruction. I think our great fault is that we are teaching too much of forms and definitions, with too little of the underlying principle, the idea of the matter. The memory is run on the high pressure system, to its utmost capacity. It is crowded with the thoughts of others, not making them its own, or long retaining them. The great object of our schools should be to train the mind to think, to express its thoughts clearly, to act for itself and to act independently of others, to deduce for itself. I would not be understood as reflecting upon our teachers with the intention of detracting from their true merit, for it is almost a universal fault of teaching in our rural towns; but we hope they will turn their attention more to the training of the mind than formerly.

If we would have teachers that teach thoroughly, that are apt, energetic, comprehensive, having force of character, that know how to adapt themselves to their school, we

must select our Prudential Committees from among our ablest citizens. It is idle and useless to expect committees who know nothing of the true value of education, of how it is obtained, to select teachers adapted to teach, and especially the schools they are often employed to teach. It is my hope that the schools of our town may receive more attention, that they may commence a new and vigorous growth.

JEREMIAH W. SANBORN,
School Committee.